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Life Support

HAZARDOUS NOISE EXPOSURE

This regulation outlines the hazardous noise porgram and establishes procedures for designating hazardous noise area in the 1130th ATTG complex.

- 1. Scope. The provisions of this regulation are applicable to all assigned or attached personnel.
- 2. Responsibility. The Flight Surgeon is responsible for implementing and conducting the 1130th ATTG hazardous noise program.

3. Procedures.

- a. Designate areas where personnel are likely to be exposed to hazardous noise by the use of sound level measurement equipment and/or published sound survey data pertaining to aircraft/equipment.
- b. Conduct periodic noise level surveys to evaluate new or changed exposure conditions in the work areas of the 1130th ATTG complex and publish maps or charts that indicate hazardous noise exposure areas.
- c. Requisition, fit and issue "ear plugs" to all personnel assigned duties in designated hazardous noise areas. Personnel who require the "ear muff protectors" in addition to the standard "ear plugs" will be referred to Unit Supply for issue of same. "Ear plugs" will be worn at all times in the designated hazardous noise areas when jet engines are operating. Both "ear plugs" and "ear muffs" will be worn by personnel when required to work within a 300 yard radius of jet engine run-up. Support Maintenance will be required to post "run-up signs" and have a P.A. announcment made when a run-up is scheduled.
- d. Accomplish baseline reference audiograms on all personnel assigned to duty or training involving exposure to hazardous noise. Reference audiograms will not be performed until at lease 40 hours has elapsed since the individual was exposed

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to hazardous noise. AF Form 1490 (Hearing Conservation Data) will be accomplished on each subject. These personnel will be given a follow-up audiogram three months after the baseline audiogram, and again when they terminate their duties in the hazardous noise areas. Follow-up audiograms will not be performed until one hour after last exposure to hazardous noise.

e. Personnel noted to have any hearing loss, determined by the Flight Surgeon to be significant will be further evaluated under the guidelines of AFR 160-3 and AFM 161-1.

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Map of Designated Hazardous

Noise Areas

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